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1. The Shanghai Telephone Company, formerly a branch of the [redacted] was officially nationalized in April 1952. It controls all telephone service in Shanghai and is in turn supervised by the East China Military Control Commission.
2. The Shanghai Telephone Company has the following exchanges:
 - a. Central Exchange (automatic) at 243 Kiangse Road.
 - b. Lucerne Exchange (manual) on Edinburgh Road.
 - c. West Exchange (automatic) on Avenue Road.
 - d. North Exchange (automatic) on North Kiangse Road.
 - e. Wayside Exchange (automatic) on Paoting Road.
 - f. Exchange (automatic) on Route Pichon..
 - g. Exchange (automatic) on Boulevard de Montigny.
 - h. Exchange (automatic) on Fukien Road, which is second in importance.
 - i. Hungjao Exchange (manual) in the Hungjao district.
3. Preparations are being made to replace the manual exchanges with semi-automatic exchanges. All equipment is [redacted] with exception of cables imported from the USSR. Eight exchanges have [redacted] rotary installations, while the Wayside Exchange is partly equipped with a Stroger system.

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4. Each telephone exchange has its own power installation for use in emergencies. These were installed after the war, are equipped with diesel generators from surplus war materials, and can be put into operation immediately.
5. Fifty armed soldiers from the Security Department guard each telephone building, inside and outside.
6. Telephone numbers in Shanghai generally consist of five figures, the first figure of which denotes the exchange.
 - a. One - Central Exchange.
 - b. Two - Lucerne Exchange
 - c. Three and six - West Exchange
 - d. Four - North Exchange
 - e. Five - Wayside Exchange
 - f. Seven - Exchange on Route Pichon
 - g. Eight - Exchange on Route de Montigny
 - h. Nine - Exchange on Fukien Road
 - i. Numbers of the Hungjao Exchange consist of seven figures and start with 02.
7. The Central Exchange, which has the selector, and the exchange on Fukien Road are the most heavily loaded. A number in this district must often be dialed for five to ten minutes before contact can be made.
8. Preparations are being made to ease the load of the exchange on Boulevard de Montigny, and part of its numbers will be transferred to the exchange on Route Pichon and to the Hungjao Exchange.
9. The Shanghai Telephone Company has 120,000 subscribers. There is a shortage of new telephones, and no new equipment, apart from cables, has been received from the USSR.
10. Although each telephone exchange has its own switch rooms and test rooms, certain technical departments serve the entire system:
 - a. Installations Department, located on Boulevard de Montigny.
 - b. Constructions Department (principally cables), at the West Exchange.
 - c. Central Workshops Department, located on Avenue Road.
 - d. Night Repairs Department, located on Boulevard de Montigny.
11. The administrative offices of the Shanghai Telephone Company are in the Central Exchange on Kiangse Road. The head supervisor from the Military Control Commission and the head of the Security Department are also in the same building. The Public Relations Section, the Trade Union organization and the Club of the Shanghai Telephone Company are in the Exchange building on Fukien Road.

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12. Most of the former technicians who held key positions in the Shanghai Telephone Company were removed following the series of forced confessions, and a number of them committed suicide. Some were retained, even after they confessed to poor work and having accepted bribes, because of the lack of experienced specialists.
 13. The Shanghai Telephone Company employs 1,900 persons and maintains a 100-bed hospital on Avenue Foch. The hospital was established February 1952, and has new, modern equipment imported from East Germany.
 14. The following personalities¹ of the Shanghai Telephone Company are known:
 - a. Che, chief inspector of the Shanghai Telephone System on behalf of the Public Control Committee, is a Communist from North China.
 - b. Kota Jun, Chief security officer of the Shanghai Telephone Company, is a Communist and a former employee of the company.
 - c. Vang Tse Ming, the assistant security officer, was formerly a mechanic. He escaped to the USSR in 1946 and returned with the Soviet Army in 1949.
1. Comment. The names have been reported as received.

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